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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 3, 2007**

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**The Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.